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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL, MAY 23

REFERENCES: (A) GENEVA 3127; (B) 3734 GENEVA

1. THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE TODAY APPROVED THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ON VARIOUS COUNCIL ITEMS MENTIONED REFTELS.

2. REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON TRADE WITH POLAND.

A. REPORT OF WORKING PARTY. THE U.S. DELEGATE MAY SUPPORT THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORKING PARTY'S REPORT ON THE NINTH ANNUAL CONSULTATION WITH POLAND (L/4483 OF 1 APRIL 1977). SHOULD COMMENT SEEM CALLED FOR, THE U.S. DELEGATE MAY WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE CONTINUATION BY SEVERAL CONTRACTING PARTIES (CP'S) OF DISCRIMINATORY QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (QR'S) AGAINST POLAND. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THESE CP'S MIGHT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF LIBERALIZATION, WITH A VIEW TO ENDING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD IN POLAND'S ACCESSION.

B. POLISH TARIFF. IF THE POLES ASK THE COUNCIL TO FORM A WORKING PARTY TO EXAMINE THEIR NEW TARIFF, THE U.S. DELEGATE SHOULD SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A WORKING PARTY; STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE; AND ACCEPT WHATEVER TIMING IS CONVENIENT TO OTHERS. SHOULD THE SUBJECT BE RAISED BY ANOTHER CONTRACTING PARTY, THE U.S. DELEGATE MAY ASSOCIATE WITH, BUT NOT GO BEYOND, THE POLISH REACTION ON TIMING.

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3. GATT SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES:

A. TOMIC PROPOSAL. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REMAINS OPPOSED TO ANY SUCH PROPOSAL AS BEING INCONSISTENT WITH UN SYSTEM PRACTICES.

B. REMUNERATION OF RETIREES. THE 31ST UNGA HAS REQUESTED THE UN JOINT STAFF PENSION BOARD TO CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF PENSION BENEFITS AND SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 33RD UNGA. WE SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, TAKE ANY POSITION ON TENTATIVE PROPOSALS ON THIS SUBJECT WITHIN THE GATT AT THIS TIME.

C. SALARY SCALES. ROUTINE APPROVAL APPROPRIATE.

4. AUTO TAX/REBATE. DELEGATE SHOULD DRAW ON STATE 90436 AND 90612 IN ANY DISCUSSION OF AUTO TAX/REBATE SYSTEM. ASSUME THESE COMMENTS SUFFICIENT TO COVER QUESTIONS ON U.S.-CANADA AGREEMENT. BEGIN FYI. PROPOSED LEGISLATION

PROVIDES FOR REBATES ON IMPORTS ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS ONLY, AND NOT, REPEAT NOT, "TREATIES OR EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS". SUCH AGREEMENTS MUST BE DESIGNED TO ASSURE THAT DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS ARE NOT DISADVANTAGED. U.S. INTERAGENCY ANALYSIS OF SUBJECT IS NOW IN PROGRESS
END FYI.

5. WORKING PARTY ON FINNISH-HUNGARIAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT. YOU MAY NOTE THE WORKING PARTY REPORT. IN LIGHT OF THE DIVIDED VIEWS OFFERED BY THE WORKING PARTY, WE FEEL ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY AND CANNOT AGREE THAT THE WORKING PARTY HAS FINISHED ITS WORK.

6. REPORT OF TEXTILES COMMITTEE (COM.TEX/8). WE CONCUR IN MISSION'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WE EXPRESS (A) APPRECIATION FOR WORK OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND SECRETARIAT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(B) REGRET INABILITY TO REACH AGREEMENT DURING NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1976 TEXTILES COMMITTEE. WITH RESPECT TO FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS, CONCERNING LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT, WE SUGGEST THAT WE EXPRESS REGRET AT THE CONTINUING DELAY IN RESOLVING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE AND OUR HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO ENABLE EARLY RENEWAL OF THE MFA.

7. WORKING PARTY ON TRADE WITH HUNGARY. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING PARTY TO CONSULT WITH HUNGARY, AS CALLED FOR IN HUNGARY'S PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION. THE UNITED STATES WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING PARTY. WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR PREFERENCE AS TO TIMING. WE WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AN EXPLANATION OF THE EFFECT ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MODIFICATION OF HUNGARY'S ECONOMIC CONTROL SYSTEM INSTITUTED AT THE BEGINNING OF 1976 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 1976-1980 PLAN.

8. U.S. COURT DECISION ON JAPANESE TAX REBATES. ON MAY 18, AN INTERAGENCY GROUP CONSIDERED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GATT COUNCIL MEETING AND THE APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE HAND-CARRIED TO GENEVA BY LYNN BARDEN.

9. DISC. WE CONCUR WITH SUGGESTIONS OF MISSION (REF A). IN ADDITION, WE WILL TRY TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND ON "EXPORTS" UNDER THE GATT TO BE SENT REFTEL.

10. U.S. FOOTWEAR ACTION. WE CONCUR WITH SUGGESTIONS OF MISSION (REF A). IN ADDITION, U.S. DELEGATE MAY, AS APPROPRIATE, STATE THAT WE HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS AND

BELIEVE WE ARE CLOSE TO AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLICS OF CHINA AND KOREA ON ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS. WE ARE NOT AT THIS TIME SEEKING ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

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11. ITALIAN PRIOR DEPOSITS. U.S. DELEGATE MAY, UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT PRIOR DEPOSITS WERE REMOVED AS SCHEDULED.

12. MIP PANEL. WE AGREE WITH EC (GENEVA 3727) THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR EITHER DELEGATION TO RAISE SUBJECT OF MIP PANEL AT COUNCIL MEETING, AND ASSUME THAT SECRETARIAT WILL NOT RAISE THE ISSUE ON ITS OWN. MISSION WILL SOON RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED ON THIS SUBJECT.

13. SPECIALTY STEEL. IF THIS ITEM IS RAISED, THE U.S. DELEGATE MAY STATE THE FOLLOWING. THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOW REVIEWING THE SPECIALTY STEEL SITUATION WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHETHER ACTION SHOULD BE INITIATED THAT COULD LEAD TO THE MODIFICATION OR ELIMINATION OF THE SPECIALTY STEEL IMPORT RELIEF PROGRAM. ON MAY 19, WE INVITED INTERESTED PARTY VIEWS ON POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL REALLOCATIONS OF UNFILLED QUOTAS BEFORE THE CURRENT QUOTA YEAR ENDS ON JUNE 13, 1977. CHRISTOPHER

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